

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11 are pending. By this Amendment, the specification and claims 1-6 have been amended, and new claims 7-11 have been added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 1 of the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to based on a typographical error. By this Amendment, paragraph [0006] of the original specification has been corrected in terms of the misspelling of "characterized". Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, claims 5 and 6 were objected to based on informalities. By this Amendment, the Examiner's helpful suggestions regarding claim 5 have been adopted. In addition, claim 6 has been amended in a way to avoid the objection.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,228,535 to McCarty. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claims 1 and 5 are amended to be directed to a carpenter's square comprising a snap locking angle adjustable device. McCarty is directed to a folding ladder, and therefore does not teach a carpenter's square, as recited in claim 1. Dependent claim 5 is patentable by virtue of its dependency and the further features it recites.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,961,220 to Som et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Som et al. is directed to a swing-aside bearing device for a socket providing an electrical connection between a towing and a towed vehicle. Accordingly, Som et al. does not teach or suggest a carpenter's square as recited in claims 1-3, 5 and 6.

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Dependent claims 2, 3, 5 and 6 are patentable by virtue of their dependency on claim 1, in addition to the further features they recite.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication that original claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, presented herewith is new independent claim 7 which is original claim 4 written into independent form without the "moulding technique" language which seems to have been discounted by the Examiner. Claims 8-11 depend on claim 7 and are patentable by virtue of their dependency, in addition to the further features they recite.

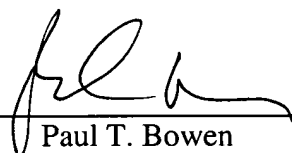
In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all the claims are patentable and that the entire application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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